

AMENDED CLAIMS

I claim:

1. (Original) A subplate component of a screwless faceplate assembly, consisting of a single monolithic subplate component in the form of a frame having an outer perimeter defined by opposing outer horizontal surfaces and opposing outer vertical surfaces including an integral attachment structure, and an inner perimeter defined by smooth and continuous inner horizontal and vertical edges, said inner perimeter defining an uninterrupted subplate opening for accommodating an N-gang device body.
2. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the attachment structure is a lip integrated into at least a portion of an outer perimeter surface.
3. (Original) The subplate component of claim 2, wherein the lip is integrated only in a vertical perimeter surface.
4. (Original) The subplate component of claim 2, wherein the lip is integrated in at least a vertical perimeter surface and a horizontal perimeter surface.
5. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate opening is sized to accommodate a single-gang device.
6. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate opening is sized to accommodate a double-gang device.
7. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate opening is sized to accommodate a three-gang device.
8. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate opening is sized to accommodate a four-gang device.
9. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate opening is sized to accommodate an N-gang device, where N is an integer equal to or less than 8.

10. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the outer horizontal edges have a separation distance of about 4.55 inches.
11. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the outer horizontal edges have a separation distance of about 4.55 inches and the outer vertical edges have a separation distance of about 2.85 inches.
12. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the outer horizontal edges have a separation distance of about 4.55 inches and the outer vertical edges have a separation distance of about 4.66 inches.
13. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the outer horizontal edges have a separation distance of about 4.55 inches and the outer vertical edges have a separation distance of about 6.47 inches.
14. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the outer horizontal edges have a separation distance of about 4.55 inches and the outer vertical edges have a separation distance of about 8.29 inches.
15. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate comprises a gusset rib located intermediate the inner and outer perimeters.
16. (Original) The subplate component of claim 15, wherein the gusset rib is segmented.
17. (Original) The subplate component of claim 15, wherein the gusset rib is continuous.
18. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate is a metallized material.
19. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate component is made of a material having a Young's Modulus in a range between about 6Mpsi to 42Mpsi.
20. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the outer vertical edge includes a lip for engaging a faceplate attachment region.

21. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate includes at least one set of vertically aligned posts for locating a device with respect to the subplate.
22. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, comprising N sets of separately vertically aligned posts for locating a device with respect to the subplate.
23. (Original) The subplate component of claim 22, wherein $2 \leq N \leq 8$, and adjacent vertical centerlines of each set have a standard separation distance of about 1.81 inches.
24. (Original) The subplate component of claim 23, wherein said outer horizontal surfaces each include a single engagement assembly for engaging a faceplate attachment region.
25. (Original) The subplate component of claim 24, wherein the single engagement assembly has two adjacent lips.
26. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein the subplate has an up/down orientational symmetry.
27. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein said outer perimeter has a dimension that is sufficient to fully cover a maximum perimeter dimension of a face surface of an old-work electrical box.
28. (Original) The subplate component of claim 1, wherein at least one of the outer horizontal surfaces comprises a disengagement region.
29. (Original) A monolithic faceplate component of a screw less faceplate assembly consisting of a frame having a front surface and a perimeter surface along an edge of the front surface, and an attachment surface disposed along at least two opposing perimeter surfaces, comprising an attachment structure disposed along at least a portion of the attachment surface.

30. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 29, wherein the attachment structure is a lip that is engageable with a complimentary lip of a subplate component of the faceplate assembly.

31. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 30 comprising a plurality of lips.

32. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 29, wherein the front surface has an elliptical, vertical cross sectional profile.

33. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 32, wherein the front surface has a substantially flat profile in a central region and a blended, curved profile above and below the central region.

34. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 29, wherein the attachment structure has a disengagement aperture.

35. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 29, wherein the faceplate has an up/down orientational symmetry.

36. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 29, having an inner, rectangular perimeter defining a faceplate aperture, wherein opposing horizontal inner perimeter edges have a clear separation distance of about 2.68 inches.

37. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 36, wherein adjacent opposing vertical perimeter edges have a clear separation distance of about 1.85 inches.

38. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 36, wherein adjacent vertical perimeter edges have a clear separation distance of about 3.66 inches.

39. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 36, wherein adjacent vertical perimeter edges have a clear separation distance of about 5.47 inches.

40. (Original) The faceplate component of claim 36, wherein adjacent vertical perimeter edges have a clear separation distance of about 7.28 inches.

41. (Original) A screw less faceplate assembly, consisting of:

 a single monolithic subplate component; and

 a single monolithic faceplate component that is removeably attachable to the subplate component,

wherein the subplate component and the faceplate component have respective integral, complimentary, reversible co-engagement means only located adjacent outer perimeter surfaces thereof.

42. (Currently Amended) The screwless faceplate assembly of claim 41, wherein the subplate component ~~is as set forth in claim 1~~ consists of a single monolithic subplate component in the form of a frame having an outer perimeter defined by opposing outer horizontal surfaces and opposing outer vertical surfaces including an integral attachment structure, and an inner perimeter defined by smooth and continuous inner horizontal and vertical edges, said inner perimeter defining an uninterrupted subplate opening for accommodating an N-gang device body.

43. (Currently Amended) The screw less faceplate assembly of claim 41, wherein the faceplate component ~~is as set forth in claim 26~~ has an up/down orientational symmetry.

44. (Currently Amended) The screwless faceplate assembly of claim 42, wherein the faceplate component ~~is as set forth in claim 26~~ has an up/down orientational symmetry.